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TO:	Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs	ISSUE DATE: March 2000
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
FROM:	School Nutrition Programs	
SUBJECT:	Eligibility and Verification Pilot Project	
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This management bulletin transmits the attached notice from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The notice announces a pilot project to select between eight and twelve school food authorities (SFA) to test alternatives to the application procedures and verification process for households participating in the National School Lunch Program. The purpose of this pilot project is to develop procedures that will reduce the misreporting of eligibility information from households.

USDA has provided four alternatives that an SFA may choose to test, or the SFA may develop their own method. If the SFA develops their own method, they must follow the criteria that USDA has developed. These criteria are listed on page 3410 of the attached Federal Register. Be sure that your application addresses each of these criteria.

Applications to conduct a pilot project must be received by the California Department of Education **no later than March 20, 2000.** Mail applications to:

**California Department of Education
Nutrition Services Division
School Nutrition Programs Unit
560 J Street, Suite 270
Sacramento, CA 95814-2342**

Applications may be faxed to Rae Dalimonte at (916) 445-5731.

If you have any questions, please contact Rae Dalimonte, Program Analyst, Nutrition Program Resources Unit, at (916) 324-8794, (800) 952-5609, or rdalimon@cde.ca.gov.

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